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SUBJECT: DUPONT CARIBBEAN

REF: PORT-AU-PRINCE 1491, 1492; STATE 167438

1. DEPT OFFICERS MET AUG. 6 WITH DUPONT CARIBBEAN (DCI) PRESIDENT PIERSON AND BRUCE SYDENHAM (DCI WORKS DEVELOPMENT MGR) FOR 90 MINUTES REVIEWING STATUS OF DCI PROBLEM WITH HAITIAN GOVT. PIERSON PRESENTED SET OF PAPERS TO SUPPLEMENT OTHERS ALREADY PROVIDED TO BACK UP CLAIM OF COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT AND TO SUPPORT HIS REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE (COPY POUCHED TO EMBASSY).

2. PIERSON URGED USG TO OBTAIN GOH DOCUMENTATION OF ITS POSITION AGAINST DCI, INCLUDING ANY EVIDENCE USED IN HAITIAN COURT CASES, CLAIMING THAT LATTER WAS NEVER PRESENTED IN COURT. HE STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF PROMPT, SUPPORTIVE ACTION BY EMBASSY AND USG, AND ASKED AGAIN FOR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING WITH HAITIAN OFFICIALS.

3. DEPT OFFICERS INFORMED HIM OF EMBASSY ASSESSMENT THAT GOH NOT PRESENTLY RECEPTIVE TO FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH DCI. HE WAS TOLD THAT DEPT AND EMBASSY WOULD EXAMINE

CLOSELY THE ELEMENTS OF HIS CLAIM TO SEE WHAT IF ANY FURTHER STEPS DCI OR USG MIGHT TAKE WITH HAITIAN GOVT. GOH WOULD BE ASKED FOR DOCUMENTATION OF ITS POSITION AND TRANSLINEAR VIEWS ON DCI-GOH DISPUTE WOULD BE SOUGHT. PIERSON OBJECTED STRONGLY TO LATTER, MAINTAINING DISPUTE DID NOT INVOLVE TRANSLINEAR DIRECTLY AND THAT THIS ACTION COULD INVOLVE USG IN TRANSLINEAR V. DUPONT COURT CASE IN TEXAS. DEPT OFFICERS ASSURED HIM THAT WE DO NOT INTEND TO BECOME INVOLVED IN COURT CASE OR TO COMPROMISE IT, BUT THAT FULL UNDERSTANDING OF DCI-GOH DIFFERENCES REQUIRE EXAMINATION OF WHAT TRANSPIRED IN HAITI AND TRANSLINEAR MAY HAVE SIGNIFICANT VIEWS ON THIS.

4. ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

A. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOH DOCUMENTATION ASAP. (RECOGNIZING EMBASSY VIEWS ON PRESENTLY UNFAVORABLE PROSPECT FOR FURTHER DIALOGUE AND GIVING EMBASSY FULL DISCRETION, WHEN REQUEST IS MADE FOR DOCUMENTATION, EMBASSY MIGHT SOUND OUT GOH WILLINGNESS FOR ANOTHER MEETING WITH PIERSON TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES.)

B. DEPT AND EMBASSY TO UNDERTAKE EXPEDITIOUS REVIEW OF SUBSTANCE OF MATTER TO DETERMINE WHAT FUTURE ACTION, IF ANY, WOULD BE APPROPRIATE.

C. DEPT OFFICIALS WILL MEET WITH PIERSON AGAIN ON AUGUST 20, OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS WE HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL HIM.

D. DEPT WILL PURSUE MATTER OF INFORMAL MEETING WITH TRANSLINEAR. KISSINGER

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